

Present constitution (Art. X, §43(C)) provides that one member of the State Police Commission shall be elected by the classified state police officers of the state from their number as provided by law.

Existing law provides procedures for such election. Provides for nomination of candidates by petition of at least 30 permanent employees in the classified state police service. Provides for election by secret ballot.

Prior law required the director of the state police service to deliver voting materials to the appointing authority of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections for employee voting. Provided that such materials included one official ballot and a postage paid return envelope that was preprinted addressed to the director with designated spaces for the employee's signature and social security number for each such employee.

New law requires instead that such voting materials include one official ballot, one signature slip, one official ballot envelope, and one postage paid return envelope. Requires that the signature slip contain lines for the employee's signature and social security number.

Prior law provided for the employee to seal the marked ballot in the return envelope and to place on the return envelope his signature and social security number and no other identifying mark.

New law requires instead that the marked ballot be sealed in the ballot envelope which is placed in the return envelope along with the signature slip containing the signature and social security number of the employee. Otherwise makes changes in procedures to provide for signature and social security number on the signature slip rather than on the return envelope.

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